



MEMORANDUM  
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Agenda Item No. 6(A)

**TO:** Honorable Chairman Javier D. Souto and Members  
of the Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

**DATE:** September 10, 2012

**FROM:** Christopher Agrippa, Division Chief  
Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

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The Clerk of the Board Division is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee:

July 9, 2012

Attachment  
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## CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes

Stephen P. Clark  
Government Center  
111 N.W. 1st Street  
Miami, FL 33128

### Recreation & Cultural Affairs Committee

Javier D. Souto (10) Chair; Dennis C. Moss (9) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally A. Heyman (4), Jean Monestime (2), Rebeca Sosa (6), and Xavier L. Suarez (7)

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**Monday, July 9, 2012**

**2:00 PM**

**Commission Chambers**

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**Members Present:** Jean Monestime, Rebeca Sosa, Javier D. Souto, Xavier L. Suarez.

**Members Absent:** Sally A. Heyman, Dennis C. Moss.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 Minutes Prepared by:**

**Report:** *Zorana Gainer, Commission Reporter*  
305-375-3570

**1A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**1C      ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *In addition to the Committee members, the following staff members were present:*

*~Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez  
~Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo  
~Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw  
~Deputy Clerk Zorana Gainer*

*Chairman Souto called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.*

*Assistant County Attorney Monica Rizo noted that pursuant to Board of County Commissioners Chairman Joe Martinez's memorandum dated July 9, 2012 entitled "Requested Changes to the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee (RCAC) Agenda, a deferral request of Agenda Item 3E to the September 10, 2012, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee meeting.*

*Assistant County Attorney Rizo noted the following scrivener's errors: Agenda Item 2A, on handwritten page 3 within the first title and the first whereas clause portion that reads: Vizcaya Gardens and Museum Trust; should be corrected to read: Vizcaya Museums and Gardens Trust; Agenda Item 3C on page 88 under the title "Category B; Park, Recreation and Open Space Planning" in the Total Combined Score column for Curtis and Rogers Design Studio Inc. replace 446.8 points with 443.5 points.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the July 9, 2012 RCAC Agenda be approved with the requested changes. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Monestime, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0 (Commissioners Heyman and Moss were absent).*

**1D      SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

1D1

**121367 Special Presentation****Sen. Javier D. Souto****MR. ARTURO CAMPA FROM THE MIAMI  
INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL*****Presented***

**Report:** *Mr. Arturo Campa, Representative, Miami International Jazz Festival noted the festival would be held on May 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th of 2013. Mr. Campa gave a brief history of how the festival began, noting he had produced and founded the Miami Latin Jazz Festival to benefit the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in 1995 which lasted for three years. He noted due to the publicity efforts during that festival he was able to raise over \$20 million to refurbish the Gusman Center. He expressed his concern regarding the current rules of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) which withholds funding to major festivals that have not been established for a period of at least three years. Mr. Campa noted his effort to bring the arts to many different communities however; due to the TDC rule his festival was ineligible for full TDC funding. He pointed out that TDC funding would benefit his event and offset the costs of Police/security, sanitation, transportation and parking for the attendees as well as allow people to attend the festival at a lower cost close to their homes. In closing Mr. Campa noted his efforts to promote Miami internationally.*

*Commissioner Sosa asked Senior Advisor to the Mayor Lisa Martinez to meet with Mr. Michael Spring, Cultural Affairs Director, to review the rules and procedures used by the Tourist Development Council to grant funding for new events and to report the findings to each Committee member.*

*Commissioner Monestime concurred with Commissioner Sosa's suggestion to meet with the TDC department staff regarding funding the festival. He noted that he felt Miami-Dade County had done a great job promoting culture and this festival would add to the cultural value within the community.*

1D2

**121368 Special Presentation****Sen. Javier D. Souto****MS. KAREN RODRIGUEZ, JUMPER PILOT PROGRAM IN  
TROPICAL PARK/EQUESTRIAN CENTER*****Presented***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing special presentation into the record.*

*Ms. Karen Rodriguez, 7790 SW 69th Avenue, gave a presentation regarding her proposed concept for a Jumper Pilot Program at Tropical Park's Equestrian Center. Ms. Rodriguez disseminated a report which gave a history and full details regarding her program's concept. Ms. Rodriguez began by apprising committee members that she was an avid equestrian and that the program she was proposing was hunter and jumping based; she gave a brief description of the two disciplines outlining the differences. Ms. Rodriguez pointed out several benefits of the sport noting that it taught young children responsibility, commitment, sportsmanship and tenacity. She noted that equestrian jumping was an Olympic sport which would allow Miami-Dade County to produce future athletes to compete in the Olympic Games.*

*Ms. Rodriguez expressed her concern regarding the current equestrian programs being the lowest level of training and her concept would fill a void at the Tropical Park Equestrian Center. The Equestrian Center was centrally located making it easily accessible to all Miami-Dade County residents and the covered arenas would mean training would be consistent without interference from the weather. Ms. Rodriguez said the daily presence of this program would raise local interest in horseback riding and help maintain the facilities at the Park. Ms. Rodriguez noted her concept proposal included riding lessons for adults and children, a boarding and training program for competitive riders, and a board only option which would target professional horseback riders. She noted Chairman Souto had mentioned the possibility of including trail riding in the park, which Ms. Rodriguez noted would be wonderful for riders. She pointed out that her concept also included summer camps, clinics for riders and eventually competitions. Ms. Rodriguez noted that she would like to develop a team for the Interscholastic Equestrian Association which provided riding scholarships to middle and high school students; and work with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association and the Equestrian teams*

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*from the University of Miami and Florida International University.*

*Ms. Rodriguez noted that since the Equestrian facilities at Tropical Park were initially intended for temporary use, modifications were in order to house a daily equestrian program. She pointed out that the specific needs were listed in the handout and specifically she wanted to address appropriate footing in the arenas and the size of the stables which needed to be adjusted to accommodate larger horses. She asked in addition to the modifications to cosmetically enhance the existing building and due to the time and financial investment it would take to provide a top quality program she urged the Committee members to consider a long term pilot program.*

*Commissioner Suarez suggested Ms. Rodriguez meet with Park & Recreation staff to discuss incorporating her concept into the funding from the \$4.5 million being proposed for park planning services.*

*In response to Commissioner Suarez' inquiry regarding whether Miami's warm weather was favorable or unfavorable for equestrian activities, Ms. Rodriguez responded that rain impacted the ability to ride and covered arenas allow continuous weather impervious training; she noted during the summer months practice would be conducted early in the morning and late evenings when it would be cooler outside.*

*Commissioner Sosa concurred with Commissioner Suarez' suggestion noting a follow up should be done to this presentation with the Park & Recreation staff to review the possibilities and alternatives of bringing her concept program to fruition.*

*Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park & Recreation Department, noted that he met with Ms. Rodriguez to discuss her proposal. He noted that the Equestrian Center Advisory Board (ECAB) helped guide the development of how the Master Plan for the Equestrian Center would be built; he stated the procurement process was currently underway for the construction of the large covered arenas, parking lots, practice rings and covered walkways. The next step was getting the next phase of the ECAB together to guide the business planning from this point forward noted Mr. Kardys. This was the perfect time to review and consider the Hunter Jumpers and all of the*

*disciplines of equestrian training.*

**1E      DISCUSSION(S)**

1E1

**121163    Discussion Item**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES (PROS)  
DEVELOPMENT OF WALKING PATHS/VITA TRAILS  
USING UTILITY EASEMENTS, COUNTY-OWNED  
PARCELS OR PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS

*Not presented*

**1F      PUBLIC HEARING**

**2      COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**121181    Resolution**

**Jean Monestime**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3)  
VOTE OF THE BOARD, THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF  
CATHY JONES TO THE VIZCAYA GARDENS AND  
MUSEUM TRUST

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable  
recommendation*

*Mover: Monestime*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing  
resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee  
proceeded to vote.*

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**121263 Resolution**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO AMEND THE COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN TO DESIGNATE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY ADJACENT TO KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK AS PARK AND RECREATION ON THE LAND USE PLAN MAP

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Monestime*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Moss*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Chairman Souto relinquished the chair to Commissioner Sosa.*

*Commissioner Souto explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution, and noted that he and staff had been working with Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, to designate county-owned property adjacent to Kendall Indian Hammock Park.*

*Mr. Kardys noted that in 2009 residents of the community expressed interest in having additional land at the Kendall Indian Hammocks Park to expand the recreational opportunities including a large recreation center with aquatics, a dog park, more picnic areas and general open space. He noted there were impacts that needed to be considered due to other public agencies involved.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote.*

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**121264 Resolution**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto**

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AMEND THE KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK GENERAL PLAN TO ACCOMMODATE EXPANSION OF KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK ("THE PARK") AND TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Souto*

*Seconder: Monestime*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Chairman Souto resumed the Chair.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.*

**3 DEPARTMENT**

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3A

**121259 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FUNDING OF NINETEEN (19) GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$156,000 FROM THE FY 2011-2012 FOURTH QUARTER TOURIST DEVELOPMENT ROOM TAX PLAN AND SURTAX CATEGORY TO PROMOTE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TOURISM WITH: ALLIANCE FRANCAISE DE MIAMI; CENTER FOR HAITIAN STUDIES, INC.; CENTRO CULTURAL BOLIVIAN MASIS, CORP.; COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE, INC.; CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST), INC.; FANTASY THEATRE FACTORY, INC.; FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, INC.; GROUND UP AND RISING, INC.; HAITIAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER SANT LA, INC.; INFFINITO ART & CULTURAL FOUNDATION, INC.; JAMAICA AWARENESS, INC.; MIAMI HISPANIC BALLET CORP.; PINECREST PREMIER SOCCER, INC.; SOUTH ARTS, INC.; SOUTH FLORIDA AUTISM CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.; TEATRO AVANTE, INC.; THE BLACK ARCHIVES HISTORY & RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.; THE KEY BISCAINE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.; THE NATIONAL AUXILIARY ASSOCIATION, INC. WAIVING RESOLUTION R-130-06, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS AND TO EXERCISE THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN (Department of Cultural Affairs)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sosa*

*Second: Monestime*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.*

3B

**121267 Resolution**

**Sen. Javier D. Souto,**

**Rebeca Sosa**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COASTAL PARK AND MARINA IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND TO ACCEPT ANNUAL NET REVENUES FOR THE ON-GOING OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COUNTY COASTAL PARKS AND MARINAS (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Suarez*

*Second: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Moss*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.*

3C

**121208 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS, NOT TO EXCEED, IN THE AGGREGATE, THE AMOUNT OF \$4,500,000 WITH PROS CONSULTING, LLC, AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. AND MILIAN, SWAIN & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO OBTAIN PARK PLANNING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTITIES TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED IN CONTRACT NOS. RFQ786A, RFQ786B AND RFQ786C (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Deferred to September 10, 2012**Mover: Sosa**Second: Suarez**Vote: 4-0**Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Sosa inquired whether \$4.5 million from the General Fund would be used over a five year term for this project.*

*Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez explained that over a five year term \$4.5 million of General Funds would be used.*

*Responding to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry, Mr. Jack Kardys, Director, Park and Recreation Department, explained that although \$4.5 million from the General Funds would be used and clarified that most of the funding would come from Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (GOB) and Capital outlay reserve funding. Mr. Kardys stated these projects were part of a planning process which culminated into the creation of parks and facilities.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted that within the fiscal impact of the item it only notated that Proprietary Funds and General Funds would be used for this project and GOB Funds were not mentioned. She suggested that GOB funds be listed within the Fiscal Impact portion of the item. She asked for clarification regarding what this resolution authorized.*

*Mr. Kardys noted there were three types of planning covered in this resolution that would be authorized: Market Research and Business Planning; Park and Open Spaces Planning; and the Environmental Planning.*

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*Commissioner Sosa expressed concern noting tax payers dollars were being used to plan based on the culture and the needs of the communities however; only one local company was being recommended to provide services; the other companies were from Indianapolis and Los Angeles. She pointed out that under normal circumstances she would not have any problem using out of state companies but because this project was so important to the community, she preferred using a company that was familiar with Miami-Dade County's needs and environmental issues.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted that she would not support the forgoing proposed resolution and asked Senior Advisor to the County Mayor Lisa Martinez to meet with each commissioner regarding this item before its heard at the full Board of County Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Sosa suggested deferring the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Mr. Kardys apprised Committee members that all of the firms listed within the Request For Qualification (RFQ) had local offices as well as outside of the county, and these companies had international offices.*

*Commissioner Sosa expressed her concern noting that the term local needed to be more clearly defined.*

*Commissioner Suarez concurred with Commissioner Sosa's concerns and comments regarding awarding contracts to non-local businesses. He noted he would prefer to defer this item as well because this was a \$4.5 million item that had no clear break down of the funding source.*

*Hearing no other questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.*

3D

**121250 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S FLORIDA BOATING IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR \$70,000 WITH A COUNTY MATCH OF \$23,200 FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT'S MARINA CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF DETERIORATED DOCK FENDERS AT HERBERT HOOVER MARINA AT HOMESTEAD BAYFRONT PARK AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, AMENDMENTS, MODIFICATIONS, AND RENEWALS, SUBJECT TO COUNTY ATTORNEY APPROVAL (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Suarez*

*Seconder: Sosa*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Heyman, Moss*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee proceeded to vote.*

3E

**121268 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,716,000 FOR THE INITIAL TEN-YEAR TERM WITH FLORIDA SE, INC. TO DEVELOP, LEASE AND OPERATE THE BILL BIRD MARINA RESTAURANT AT HAULOVER PARK FOR THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR AND ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND TO EXERCISE ANY CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS, AND TO EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS CONTAINED THEREIN (Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces)

*Deferred to September 10, 2012*

*Mover: Sosa*

*Seconder: Monestime*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *During consideration of changes to today's (7/9) agenda, the Committee deferred the foregoing proposed resolution to the September 10, 2012, Committee meeting as requested by the County Mayor.*

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

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**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**121325 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES FOR THE  
RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
MEETING(S): JUNE 11, 2012 (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sosa*  
*Seconder: Suarez*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing  
report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee  
proceeded to vote.*

**7 REPORTS**

7A

**121214 Report**

SOUTH MIAMI-DADE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER  
STATUS REPORT (Mayor)

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Monestime*  
*Seconder: Souto*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing  
report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments the Committee  
proceeded to vote.*

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**121224 Report**

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MONTHLY  
STATUS REPORT (Mayor)

*Report Received*  
*Mover: Monestime*  
*Seconded: Sosa*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Moss, Heyman*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Rizo read the foregoing  
report into the record.*

*Commissioner Sosa noted that there were not  
alternatives; the Adrienne Arsht Center for the  
Performing Arts was there to provide services to  
everyone. She noted the administration was  
currently reviewing the design and construction,  
however progress cannot be stopped and the  
center must be safe.*

*Commissioner Suarez encouraged volunteer legal  
assistance in identifying who was responsible and  
what had caused the damages to the Arsht Center.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**